Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee

of Saddleworth Parish Council Held at the Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill on

Thursday 27 August 2020

Present: Parish Councillors: Barbara Beeley (Chair) BB

 Kevin Dawson KD

 Rob Knotts RK

 Borough Councillors Sam Al-Hamdani SAH

 Andrew Fletcher AF

 Geoff Willerton GW

 Georgina Brownridge (OMBC) GB

**302. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Pam Byrne, Jane Soriente and Lisa MacDonald (OMBC)

**303. Minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2020**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2020 were **APPROVED.**

**304.** **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**305. Survey Update**

SAH informed the meeting that the survey results had been emailed to the Clerk late last night and she would forward them to Committee members.

There were 476 responses out of a possible 12,000 residents

GB offered to make a request to Comms (OMBC) to give advice/assistance with an engagement plan for the next stage of consultation.

RK asked is 4% was an acceptable response rate level SAH said that responses were not restricted and only needed to demonstrate engagement and consultation.

GB added that there was a requirement for a Consultation Statement for the Examiner,

SAH said that he would prepare a summary document of the survey responses for the next meeting.

BB suggested it may be suitable for publication in the Saddleworth Independent.

**306. Website Update**

SAH said that he would send a reminder to non-responders from the Community Association representatives on how to upload onto the website.

**307. Fletcher’s Update**

BB believed the next consultation to be November.GB stated that it would not be possible to share any information until it was approved and put out for public consultation.

GW stated that councilors need to keep sight of the new planning arrangements as the proposed new system could have serious implications for this site.

SAH suggested that input was needed from all councilors. BB requested that the proposed new planning arrangements be included as an agenda item for next full council meeting 28 September 2020.

SAH added that Cllr. Howard Sykes had asked that Oldham be removed from GMSF

AF said that the GMSF wouldn’t be formally adopted until 2022 and therefore, the new planning arrangements may supersede it.

SAH stated that the deadline for responses for NALC 17 September, 15 October, 16 October 2020.

GW stated that the government deadline is 29 October 2020.

AF said that local design codes will become more important – Urbed based in the Northern Quarter had won an award for this and the contact for further information is David Rudlin.

GB flagged up ‘Local Design codes- National Design Guide 2019 for reference.

**308. Any Other Business**

 RK raised the issue of funding for Neighborhood planning.

 BB stated that half of the funding received last year had to be returned.

RK requested that a paper he had written which gives consideration for resources for cycling in Saddleworth and requested that it be included in the Neighbourhood Plan as appropriate.GB added that Oldham’s Local Plan issues and options need to be finalized.

BB said that survey responses need to be considered in future policy making decisions.

**309. Dates and times of next meetings:**

 24 September 2020

 29 October 2020

 26 November 2020

All at 9.30 Thursday